

Optimist Avenue and widening to three lanes from Optimist Avenue to Cedar Valley Road should still be valid based on recent traffic trends. An extension to Mulberry Street is also recommended to continue Mulberry Street as a major thoroughfare.

McClellan Drive - Connectivity between US 321 and Norwood Street is provided via McClellan Drive. Previous 1995 traffic estimates forecast an average daily volume of 5200 vehicles for this road. Recent counts indicate 8400 vehicles use this road daily. Therefore it is recommended that McClellan Road be widened to four lanes by 2005.

US 321 - Major radial service north and south of Lenoir is provided by US 321. Between NC 18 and Main Street US 321 serves as a bypass and will be discussed in the "Bypass" section for this reason. Previous traffic estimates for this facility seem to be in line with recent trends which indicate a need for widening to a divided four lane cross section from NC 18 to SR 1352. New interchanges are also proposed at Hibriten Drive and at the new Outer Loop. Due to the high traffic volumes on US 321 efforts should be made to minimize strip development and its associated lack of access control.

Zacks Fork Road - Travel from expanding residential areas northeast of Lenoir will be encouraged by the maintenance of Zacks Fork Road as a major thoroughfare. Traffic counts in this area have tripled since